

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/444,144

Applicant(s)

Howel et al

Examiner

Larry R. Helms Ph.D.

Group Art Unit

1642



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Larry R. Helms Ph.D. And Sheela Huff Ph.D.

(3) Mr. Howell

(2) Ms Dallas-Pedretti

(4) Ms. Selinsky

Date of Interview 11 Apr 2001

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: all pending claims

Identification of prior art discussed:

Lentz and Selinsky

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Discussed the 103 rejection and came to an agreement after the interview with a discussion with Sheela Huff and Anthony Caputa that the art of record falls because there is no motivation to separate an immune system inhibitor with an antibody as opposed to the art of record which uses size exclusion. In addition, non-elected claims directed to covalent attachment to an inert medium would be allowed as well as those claims directed to a peptide as the binding partner.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.